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2006 DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP)

Signup for the 2006 DCP program will end on **June 1, 2006**. Under the DCP, you must designate shares and sign a new DCP contract each year. The final direct payments will be issued in October 2006.

There is a \$40,000 payment limitation for direct payments and \$65,000 for counter-cyclical payments. Advance CC (counter cyclical) payments are to be issued in October and February following the crop year, if determined eligible.

Producers may sign-up online for DCP at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/egov/edcp_default.htm providing there are no changes to the farm for the year. The local FSA office would need to process changes prior to signing up over the web. You would need E-File Level II authorization. If you sign-up thru E-File on rented land, print the contract, obtain your owners signature, and return to our office.

2006 ACREAGE REPORTING

The final date to certify wheat, barley, and oats is **May 31**. The final date to certify corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, fallow, and other feed crops is **August 1**. NAP coverage producers are to be aware that feed crops are required to have the acreage reported 15 days prior to the crop being harvested (alfalfa – May).

All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-cyclical program, marketing assistance loans and Loan Deficiency Payments.

Failed crop acreage comprises tracts of properly planted and managed crops that did not grow or were destroyed due to natural disaster. Acreage reports for failed acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop to remain eligible for crop acreage history.

CCC COMMODITY LOANS AND LDP'S

The **2006 crop loan rates** for Jewell County are:

Wheat	\$2.80	Grain Sorghum	\$3.21 cwt.
Corn	1.97	Sunflowers	9.13
Oats	1.34	Dry Peas	6.12
Barley	1.75		

The final date to request a 2005 sorghum, corn, soybean, or sunflower; loan or LDP is May 31, 2006.

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program provides 7-year loans for up to \$100,000 for 85% of the cost of eligible grain storage and handling equipment.

FORM CCC-633EZ

The 633EZ is a two part loan deficiency payment request that allows producers to indicate their intentions to receive LDP benefits before losing beneficial interest. The page 1 must be filed to be eligible for LDP benefits each crop year. (These forms for 2006 have been provided to producers when signing up for DCP, operators and land owners must have the page 1 filed). The 633 page 1 allows a producer to receive LDP based on the date beneficial interest is lost. Page 2 could be filed on any date to lock-in that days LDP rate if done prior to losing beneficial interest.

The CCC-633 page 1 and 2 cover field direct LDP's, basic LDP's, and are revised to cover basic and field direct LDP's for wool, mohair, and unshorn pelts.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM CRP ISSUES

CRP Landlord Tennant Provisions – A tenant on a CRP Contract receiving payments under landlord/tenant provisions does have a right to the tenant share for the length of the CRP Contract. The exception would be if the tenant voluntarily relinquishes his right to the contract, dies, files bankruptcy, or is legally not fulfilling his tenant responsibility as an operator. The landlord/tenant provision remains in place through land sale, etc.

Expiring CRP Contracts – Beginning July 1 of the final year of a CRP Contract, certain cover may be destroyed to prepare a seedbed for fall seeded crops. Contact FSA for further policy and approval.

CRP Wildlife Food Plots – are to be maintained and properly managed as a food plot. Management practices need to provide for a reasonable chance of crop survival and grain establishment.

FSA Will Be Conducting Annual Spot-checks of CRP CRP acreage may not be hayed, grazed, harvested, or used for other benefit. Noxious weeds, unwarranted weeds, and trees must be controlled. CRP is not to be used for storage of machinery, bales, or other purpose. CRP may not have trails, paths, or lanes. Lanes or strips used as hunting lanes are a contract violation; unless approved under controlled shooting areas.

A CRP contract under maintenance violation may include penalties of refund of annual payment, cost share payment, interest applies, and liquidated damages applied.

The CRP Continuous Signup Remains in Place – a producer may signup for filter strip, windbreak or other eligible practice at any time.

USING E-FILE TO SIGNUP

Producers may now signup for the DCP program and file for LDP’s online through *E-File*. We encourage producers who feel comfortable in using online access to use the E-file process. A handout is available to assist in filing LDP’s online. Advancements have been made to make this process a painless method of signing into farm programs. It also entitles you to timely access to your farm program benefits. With programs such as LDP’s when numerous applications are filed in an FSA office on a single day, filing your application on line through E-file may be an advantage. When filed through E-File your payment is the first to be processed. (Consider the timely E-file process vs. such as last year when our office processed 1650 in office LDP applications. When completing this quantity of manual fall crop applications, our staff does it’s best but cannot guarantee a timely payment.)

To be able to E-file a producer must obtain an *e-Authentication Level 2 Account* by completing an 18 question customer profile. Access <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/> and “click” on *Create An Account Page*. Complete the profile, which includes setting a user ID and password, and submit online. A confirmation Email is received and must be responded to within 7 days. Then take your state or federal ID to a FSA Office to have identity proofed. After FSA updates your account you will have access to USDA on-line applications and forms within one hour.

Additional online services are available at: <http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov/> or for FSA information <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/>

COUNTY COMMITTEE
ELECTION

Nominations for county committee person in the east portion of the county LAA 3 are being accepted. This includes townships Montana, Jackson, Richland, Sinclair, Grant, Buffalo, Vicksburg, Prairie, and Allen. This is for the seat that Robert Carlson presently holds. Robert has held this position for the maximum 9 year period. A newly elected committee person will be needed. Nominations will be accepted through August 1.

.CRP EXTENSIONS
THE REX PROGRAM

Producers with CRP Contracts expiring in October of 2007 have been notified of their REX extension or reenrollment options. The final date to sign to extend or reenroll the CRP Contract was April 14, 2006.

Producers with CRP Contracts expiring in October of 2008, 2009, and 2010 were recently notified of their REX extension or reenrollment options. The final date to extend or reenroll the CRP Contract is **June 30, 2006**.

Acceptance of the CRP offer is through payment of a compliance service fee for spot-check. FSA will be viewing each field to see that the CRP practice is eligible for extension or reenrollment. The following are some items that would cause a CRP Contract to be in noncompliance:
Noxious weeds not being controlled
Presence of trees on a practice of grass mix only
Roads or driving lanes made on the CRP acreage
Hay bales, machinery, etc. stored on the CRP
Wildlife food plots not planted or maintained

In completing some of the compliance reviews for extension requests we have found CRP Contracts that are not meeting these compliance provisions. FSA is working with producers wanting to gain compliance but **immediate** attention by the producer must be provided. The ground must meet compliance provisions by July. If you have a problem area contact our office and keep the line of communications open as to your intentions and when improvement actions are complete. FSA will complete a final inspection on the CRP Contract to see that compliance has been met.

The current provisions for the authorization of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will end in 2007. The REX provisions will apply to any CRP Contracts approved by the end of the current farm program. We have no idea what provisions if any will be provided for CRP acreage, including these extended or reenrolled contracts, after the end of this authorized CRP program.

FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

FSA offers loans for farmers and ranchers to purchase farmland and finance agricultural operations.

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